

MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP: Urban Design Committee

DATE, TIME AND

PLACE OF MEETING: Wednesday, November 7, 2001, 3:00 p.m., Room 206, County-City Building, 555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

MEMBERS AND OTHERS

IN ATTENDANCE:

Members: Gordon Scholz, JoAnne Kissel, Mike Eckert, Scott Sullivan, and Third World Oforah

Others: Greg Ferris (Cricket Communications), Jim Monnel, Dan Weselowski (LES), Ed Zimmer and Missy Minner (Planning Dept.)

STATED PURPOSE

OF THE MEETING: Regular Monthly Meeting of the Urban Design Committee

Approval of meeting notes of October 3, 2001 - Eckert moved approval of the meeting notes as distributed, seconded by Sullivan. Motion for approval carried 5-0; Scholz, Kissel, Eckert, Sullivan, and Oforah voting 'yes'; Scheer and Todd absent.

Cricket Communications tower at LES Substation, 56th & Q Street - Greg Ferris explained that this proposal is for the replacement of an LES pole at 56th and Q Streets. The replacement pole would be a 130' monopole that could hold a total of four carriers. They plan to plant trees along 56th Street to provide screening for the area.

Cricket Communications is a PCS carrier that focuses mainly on local service. Local service would include Lincoln and Omaha. They charge a flat fee of \$32 per month. These phones are popular as second phones for teenagers. The technology used by Cricket requires more towers in each market. Out of the 24 sites in Lincoln, only 7 or 8 will be new poles. There were no other alternatives in this case, so they have to put up a new tower. There will be demand for tower space in this area and this tower will provide that space. A wooden fence will be installed around the compound. The fenced area will be 61' x 20' and will accommodate the other carriers' equipment. The closest residence is approximately 250' away across 56th Street.

Property owners within 600' were notified of an informational meeting. One person, a worker at the American Legion, showed up at the meeting.

Sullivan wondered if a flush mount antenna would be possible. Ferris stated that it would be possible, however the pole would have to be taller and it would be able to accommodate one less carrier. He added that this pole will hold 12 antennae, the flush mount will only hold 6. Because of the proximity to O Street and Gateway Mall, this will be a heavily used site.

Eckert asked about the possibility of putting the LES antenna below the Cricket antennae. Weselowski stated that no future carriers have been identified, so there are no lower arms to mount LES antenna on at this time.

Sullivan moved approval, seconded by Scholz. Motion for approval carried 5-0; Scholz, Kissel, Eckert,

Sullivan, and Oforah voting 'yes'; Scheer and Todd absent.

Cricket Communications tower at Southeast High School - Ferris indicated that this proposal is for an 80' monopole. The Committee had recommended against a request at Southeast on a previous occasion. At that time the Committee recommended a location at the center of the campus as more appropriate. Cricket is able to locate its tower in that location. They have worked out an agreement to provide a masonry storage building for the school. Cricket will use a 20' x 20' area of the shed to house its equipment. The school will use the other 60' x 20' area for storage. A 5' x 5' portion of the Cricket space will be used by the school for a ticket booth. The shed will match the concession stand.

The antenna on this pole will be flush mount and will blend in with the power poles. The tower has the capacity for one additional carrier. The future carrier's equipment can not be housed in the building without the school giving up part of its storage area.

The neighborhood meeting regarding this site drew six people. One gentleman was not in favor of this. He agreed that this was the best location at this site, but he objected to the visual impact.

This site is not in a Capitol View corridor.

There will not be a fence around the tower. The cables will be under ground.

The school has also asked that Cricket install a fence and sidewalk to separate the tower from the track.

Eckert moved approval, seconded by Oforah. Motion for approval carried 5-0; Scholz, Kissel, Eckert, Sullivan, and Oforah voting 'yes'; Scheer and Todd absent.

Use of right-of-way at 4736 Prescott Avenue - Zimmer indicated that The Mill coffee shop is expanding to a second location. The additional information requested at the last meeting has not yet been received. This item will come before the Committee at a later date.

Miscellaneous - Zimmer stated that the Committee's role in the new entertainment complex downtown will be similar to its role in Embassy Suites. As a next step, he and Dallas McGee will draw up some Urban Design goals for the project. Committee members indicated that they would like to be significantly involved with the project.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:06 pm.